

## REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has cancelled all of the claims excepting for claim 3 which the Examiner indicated it would be allowable upon receipt of a certified copy of the Priority Document and claim 4 which the Examiner indicated is in condition for allowance. In this connection, submitted herewith is a Certified Copy of the Priority Document.

Additionally, the Examiner objected to the amendment filed December 29, 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 132 with specific reference to the replacement paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7. In response, Applicant has reinstated the paragraph, as originally filed.

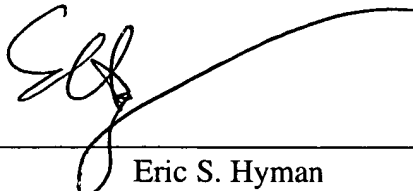
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with, and the claims pending for examination, namely Claims 3 and 4 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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